

HATEFUL VERSES FROM THE GLORIOUS QUR'AN



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FOREWORD

To be a true Muslim one must believe in three things:—

1. The unity, supremacy and uniqueness of Allah — the one and only god (*tawheed*).
2. That Muhammad was his final messenger and the best role-model for mankind.
3. In the revelation of Allah — the Qur'an which is the eternal and unalterable final message and directive of Allah to humankind, valid in totality till the end of time.

As citizens of a multi-cultural society it is important for us to know what the other communities think of us or what their sacred scriptures say.

Now it is also true that the vast majority of believers of any religion have not read or seriously studied their own scriptures and live good and peaceful lives *in spite* of what they are told to believe and do.

Many laymen are under the illusion that 'sacred' = 'holy' = 'ethically sound' by definition. So when the Qur'an is referred to as a 'holy' or 'sacred' book they assume that it is also ethically sound, compassionate, humanitarian etc. But this is far from the truth!

This being so, here are a few select verses from the Qur'an¹ in which the omnipotent and omniscient Supreme Being called *Allah* gives detailed teaching and directives to believers regarding those who reject Islam and its wholesome and universally beneficial message, i.e. Jews, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs and of course atheists and agnostics etc.

One may well ask:— what is the need of focusing on negativity and for the sake of ecumenical harmony shouldn't we rather focus on shared values?

Shared values and points of agreement have never been the basis for conflict. There is religious conflict in the world and in order to address this conflict we need to focus on the causes of conflict; points of agreement are irrelevant – we need to bring the skeletons out of the closet! Relationship counseling requires an analysis of the sources of domestic disagreement or disharmony in order to move on.

All the three monotheistic religions have very strong views on 'unbelievers'. Both Christians and Muslims fervently believe that all unbelievers will be punished in a burning hell-fire for the rest of eternity by the compassionate Lord of the universe for their horrific, revolting and unforgivable crime of unbelief!

This attitude to unbelievers is the source of religious conflict and thus should be the starting point of any debate as reaching some sort of ecumenical compromise — if that is at all possible.

¹ The Meaning of the Glorious Qur'ân, by M.M. Pickthall



In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

2. al Baqara (The Cow)

- 2:39 "Those who disbelieve and reject Our revelations are the dwellers of the Fire, they shall abide therein forever."
- 2:65 "And indeed you [Jews] knew those among you who transgressed in the matter of the Sabbath. We [Allah] said to them: **"Be you monkeys, despised and rejected."**
- 2:88 "And they [Jews] say:– 'Our hearts are wrapped' (i.e., do not hear or understand Allah's Word.) Nay, **Allah has cursed them for their disbelief**, so little is that which they believe."
- 2:96 "And verily, you will find them [the Jews] the greediest of mankind for life and (even greedier) than those who ascribe partners to Allah [polytheists]."
- 2:159 "Verily, those [Jews & Christians] who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book, **they are the ones cursed by Allah and cursed by the cursers.**"
- 2:161 "**Verily, those who disbelieve, and die while they are disbelievers, it is they on whom is the Curse of Allah and of the angels and of mankind, combined.**
- 2:162 "**They will abide therein [under the curse in Hell]**, their punishment will neither be lightened nor will they be reprieved."
- 2:191 "**And kill them wherever you find them**², and turn them out from where they have turned you out. **Disbelief (fitnah³) is worse than killing**. And fight not with them at the Sacred Mosque, unless they (first) fight you there. But if they attack you, then kill them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers."
- 2:221 Do not marry unbelieving women (idolaters), until they believe: A slave woman who believes is better than an unbelieving woman, even though she allures you. Nor marry (your girls) to unbelievers until they believe: A man slave who believes is better than an unbeliever, even though he allures you. Unbelievers do (but) beckon you to the Fire. But Allah beckons by His Grace to the Garden (of bliss) and forgiveness, and makes His Signs clear to mankind: That they may celebrate His praise.

² *Waqtulohum haythu thaqiftumoo hum* — many 'moderate' Muslims claim that this must be taken contextually — but if some verses are taken 'in context' it means they are limited by time and place and hence the Qur'an cannot be the eternal word of Allah!

³ *Fitnah* is defined in many different ways but principally refers to polytheism, disbelief, following a religion other than Islam or even resisting or obstructing the spread of Islam in any way.

2:257 God is the friend of those who believe; He brings them forth from darkness to light. **And those who disbelieve**, their friends are idols who bring them forth from light to darkness; **those are the people of the Fire; they shall dwell therein forever.**

3. al Imran

3:10 "Verily, **those who disbelieve**, neither their properties nor their offspring will avail them whatsoever against Allah; and it **is they who will be fuel of the Fire.**"

3:56 "As to those **who disbelieve**, I [Allah] **will punish them with a severe torment in this world and in the Hereafter**, and they will have no helpers."

3:85 "And whoever seeks a religion other than Islam, it will never be accepted of him, and in the Hereafter he will be one of the losers."

3:87 "They [disbelievers] are those whose recompense is that on them rests the Curse of Allah, of the angels, and of all mankind."

3:110 "**You [Muslims]** are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; you enjoin [the ordinances of Islam] and forbid all that Islam has forbidden and you believe in Allah. And had the people of the Scripture [Jews and Christians] believed, it would have been better for them; among them are some who have faith, but most of them are wrongdoers."

3:118 "**O you who believe!** Take not as your friends⁴ **those outside your religion [Jews and Christians, Hindus, Buddhists etc]** since they will not fail to do their best to corrupt you. They desire to harm you severely. Hatred has already appeared from their mouths, but what their breasts conceal is far worse. Indeed We have made plain to you the revelations, if you understand."

3:151 "We shall cast terror into the hearts of those who disbelieve, **because they [Christians & Hindus]** join others in worship with Allah, for which He had sent no authority; their abode will be the Fire and how evil is the abode of the wrong doers."

4. al Nisa (Women)

4:14 "And whosoever disobeys Allah and His Messenger and transgresses His limits, **He will cast him into the Fire, to abide therein; and he shall have a disgraceful torment.**"

4:48 "**Verily, Allah forgives not that partners [e.g. Jesus as son of God]** **should be set up with Him in worship**, and whoever sets up partners with Allah in worship, he has indeed invented a tremendous sin."

The worst sin in Islam is 'shirk' or any deviation from strict and uncompromising monotheism, so all Christians, Hindus, Buddhists, Pagans, Taoists are all the worst sinners and most hateful to Allah.

4:51 "Have you not seen those who were given a portion of the Scripture [the Bible]? They believe in false gods and idols [Hindus & Buddhists] and say to the disbelievers that they are better guided as regards the way than the believers (Muslims)."

⁴ The term used is *amanoola* sometimes translated as "intimates"

- 4:56 "Surely! Those who disbelieve in Our Revelations We shall burn them in Fire. As often as their skins are roasted through, We shall change them for other skins that they may taste the punishment. Truly, Allah is Ever Most Powerful, All-Wise."
- 4:74 "Let those believers who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter fight in the Cause of Allah, and whoso fights in the Cause of Allah and is killed or gets victory, We shall bestow on him a great reward."
- 4:76 "Those who believe, fight in the Cause of Allah, and those who disbelieve, fight in the Cause of Idols (*Taghut*). So fight you against the friends of Satan [Hindus & Buddhists]; ever feeble indeed is the guile of Satan."
- 4:84 "Then fight (O Muhammad) in the Cause of Allah and incite the believers (to fight along with you), it may be that Allah will restrain the evil might of the disbelievers. And Allah is Stronger in Might and Stronger in Punishing."
- 4:89 "They wish that you reject Faith, as they have rejected, and thus that you all become equal. So take not friends from them, till they emigrate in the Way of Allah. But if they turn back (from Islam) take hold of them and kill them wherever you find them, and take neither friends nor helpers from them."
- 4:95 Not equal are those believers who sit (at home) and receive no hurt, and those who strive and fight in the cause of Allah with their goods and their persons. Allah has granted a grade higher to those who strive and fight with their goods and persons than to those who sit (at home). Unto all (in Faith) Has Allah promised good: But those who strive and fight Has He distinguished above those who sit (at home) by a special reward.
- 4:144 O you who believe! Take not for friends unbelievers rather than believers: Do you wish to offer Allah an open proof against yourselves?

5. al Ma'idah (The Table Spread)

- 5:33 "The recompense of those who wage war against Allah and his Messenger⁵ and do mischief in the land is only that they shall be killed or crucified or their hands and their feet be cut off on the opposite sides, or be exiled from the land. That is their disgrace in this world, and a great torment is theirs in the Hereafter."
- 5:52 "O you who believe! Take not the Jews and the Christians as your friends⁶, they are but friends to one another. And if any amongst you takes them as friends, then surely he is one of them. Verily, Allah guides not those people who are wrongdoers."
- 5:58 "O you who believe! Take not for friends those who take your religion for a mockery and fun from among those who received the Scripture [Jews and Christians] before you, nor from among the disbelievers; and fear Allah if you indeed are true believers."
- 5:60 "Say (O Muhammad) to the people of the Scripture: 'Shall I inform you of something worse than that, regarding the recompense from Allah: those Jews

⁵ Waging war against Allah and his messenger includes resisting an Islamic take over.

⁶ The term used is *awlia* which some translate as "allies"

who incurred the Curse of Allah and His Wrath, those of whom some He transformed into monkeys and swine, those who worshipped false deities [Hindus/Buddhists]; such are worse in rank and far more astray from the Right Path."

5:80 "You see many of them taking the disbelievers as their friends. Evil indeed is that which their own selves have sent forward before them, for that reason Allah's Wrath fell upon them and in torment they will abide."

5:82 "Verily, you will find the strongest among men in enmity to the believers [Muslims] are the Jews and Pagans, and you will find the nearest in love to the believers those who say: 'We are Christians' that is because amongst them are priests and monks, and they are not proud."

6. al An'am (The Cattle)

6:125 Those whom Allah (in His plan) wills to guide, He opens their hearts to Islam; those whom He wills to leave straying, He makes their heart closed and constricted, as if they had to climb up to the skies: thus does Allah (heap) the penalty on those who refuse to believe.

How can people be expected to believe when Allah has closed their minds? Allah makes one an infidel and then punishes one for it!! We are all toys in the hands of a wilfull and capricious Allah.

7. al A'raf (The Heights)

7:44 The Companions of the Garden will call out to the Companions of the Fire: "We have indeed found the promises of our Lord to us true: Have you also found Your Lord's promises true?" They shall say, "Yes"; but a crier shall proclaim between them: "The curse of Allah is on the wrong-doers;-

7:50 The Companions of the Fire will call to the Companions of the Garden: "Pour down to us water or anything that Allah doth provide for your sustenance." They will say: "Both these things has Allah forbidden to those who rejected Him."

Apparently a source of amusement for the believers in paradise will be the triumphal mocking of the denizens of hell.

7:166 "So when they [the Jews] exceeded the limits of what they were prohibited, We said to them: 'Be you monkeys despised and rejected.'"

8. al Anfal (Booty)

8:12 "Remember when your Lord inspired the angels, saying: 'Verily, I am with you, so keep firm those who have believed. I will cast terror into the hearts of those who have disbelieved, so strike them over the necks, and smite over all their fingers and toes.'

8:13 "This is because they defied and disobeyed Allah and His Messenger. And whoever defies and disobeys Allah and His Messenger, then verily, Allah is severe in punishment.

- 8:38 Say to the Unbelievers, if (now) they desist (from Unbelief), their past would be forgiven them; but if they persist, the punishment of those before them is already (a matter of warning for them).
- 8:39 "And fight them [the unbelievers] until there is no more disbelief (*fitnah*), and the religion will all be for Allah Alone [the translation adds: 'in the whole of the world']."
- 8:55 "Verily, the worst of living creatures before Allah are those who disbelieve."
- 8:59 Let not the unbelievers think that they can get the better (of the godly): they will never frustrate (them).
- 8:60 Against them make ready your strength to the utmost of your power, including steeds of war, to strike terror into (the hearts of) the enemies of Allah and your enemies, and others besides, whom you may not know, but whom Allah doth know. Whatever you shall spend in the cause of Allah, shall be repaid unto you, and you shall not be treated unjustly.
- 8:74 Those who believe, and adopt exile, and fight for Islam, in the cause of Allah as well as those who give (them) asylum and aid, these are (all) in very truth the Believers: for them is the forgiveness of sins and a provision most generous.

All true Muslims are expected to offer help to Jihadists that are fighting for Islam. The Jihad referred to here is certainly not "the inner struggle to achieve personal perfection" that many western scholars and "moderate" Muslims would have us believe!

9. Al Tauba (Repentance)

- 9:5 And when the sacred months have passed, then kill the polytheists [Pagans, Hindus & Buddhists] wherever you find them and capture them and besiege them and sit in wait for them at every place of ambush. But if they should repent, establish prayer, and give *zakah*⁷, let them [go] on their way. Indeed, Allah is Forgiving and Merciful.
- 9:23 O believers! take not for protectors your fathers and your brothers if they love unbelief above Faith: if any of you do so, they do wrong.
- 9:24 Say: If it be that your fathers, your sons, your brothers, your mates, or your kindred; the wealth that you have gained; the commerce in which you fear a decline: or the dwellings in which you delight - are dearer to you than Allah, or His Messenger, or the striving in His cause;- then wait until Allah brings about His decision: and Allah guides not the rebellious.
- 9:28 O believers! Truly the Pagans are unclean; so let them not, after this year of theirs, approach the Sacred Mosque. And if you fear poverty, soon will Allah enrich you, if He wills, out of His bounty, for Allah is All-knowing, All-wise.
- 9:29 "Fight against those who believe not in Allah, nor in the Last Day, nor forbid that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, and those who acknowledge not the religion of truth [i.e. Islam] among the people of the

⁷ *Zakah* is an obligatory donation to a Muslim charity

Scripture [Jews and Christians], until they pay their *Jizyah*⁸ with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued."

- 9:33 "It is He Who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth [Islam] to make it superior over all religions even though the disbelievers hate it."
- 9:38 O believers! what is the matter with you, that, when you are asked to go forth [to fight] in the cause of Allah, you cling heavily to the earth? Do you prefer the life of this world to the Hereafter? But little is the comfort of this life, as compared with the Hereafter.
- 9:39 "If you march not forth (*Jihad*) He will punish you with a painful torment and will replace you by another people, and you cannot harm Him at all, and Allah is Able to do all things."
- 9:41 Go you forth, (whether equipped) lightly or heavily, and strive and struggle, with your goods and your persons, in the cause of Allah. That is best for you, if you (but) knew.
- 9:68 "Allah has promised the hypocrites, men and women, and the disbelievers the Fire of Hell, therein shall they abide. It will suffice them. Allah has cursed them, and for them is the lasting torment."
- 9:73 "O Prophet! strive hard against the unbelievers and the Hypocrites and be firm against them. Their abode is hell an evil refuge indeed".
- 9:111 "Verily, Allah has purchased of the believers their lives and their properties for the price that theirs shall be the Paradise. They fight in Allah's Cause, so they kill and are killed ... Then rejoice in the bargain which you have concluded. That is the supreme success."
- 9:113 It is not fitting, for the Prophet and those who believe, that they should pray for forgiveness for Pagans, even though they be of kin, after it is clear to them that they are companions of the Fire.
- 9:123 O you who believe! fight the unbelievers who surround you, and let them find harshness in you: and know that Allah is with those who fear Him.

22. Al Hajj (The Pilgrimage)

- 22:19 "As for those who disbelieve, garments of fire will be cut out for them, boiling water will be poured down over their heads;
- 22:20 "With it will melt what is within their bellies, as well as their skins.
- 22:21 "And for them are hooked rods of iron to punish them.
- 22:22 "Every time they seek to get away there from, from anguish, they will be driven back therein and it will be said to them: 'Taste the torment of burning!'"

25. al Furqan (The Criterion)

⁸ *Jizyah* is a monthly poll-tax upon all non-Muslims living in a Islamic state. The usual practice based on this verse was for the tax collectors to humiliate the non-Muslims by slapping them on the back of their heads or necks (see verse 8:12 and 47:4 below) whenever they lined up to pay the tax.

25:52 So obey not the disbelievers, but strive against them herewith with a great endeavour.

29. al Ankabut (The Spider)

9:23 Those who disbelieve in the revelations of Allah and in (their) Meeting with Him, such have no hope of My mercy. For such there is a painful doom.

33. al Ahzab (The Allies)

33: 64 Verily Allah has cursed the Unbelievers and prepared for them a Blazing Fire

35. al Fatir (The Creator)

35:36 But as for those who disbelieve, for them is fire of hell; it taketh not complete effect upon them so that they can die, nor is its torment lightened for them. Thus We punish every ingrate.

45. al Jathiyah (The Kneeling)

45:11 "This Qur'an is a guidance. And those who disbelieve in the revelations of their Lord, for them there is a painful torment."

47. Muhammad

47:3 "That is because those who disbelieve follow falsehood, while those who believe follow the truth from their Lord. Thus does Allah set forth their parables for mankind."

47:4 "So, when you meet [in Jihad] those who disbelieve smite at their necks till when you have killed and wounded many of them, then bind a bond firmly on them. Thereafter is the time either for generosity or ransom. Thus [you are ordered by Allah to continue in carrying out Jihad against the disbelievers till they embrace Islam] ... But those who are killed in the Way of Allah, He will never let their deeds be lost."

48. al-Fath (The Victory)

48:29 Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, and those who are with him are severe (*shadeed* = or ruthless, cruel) against disbelievers, and merciful among themselves.

58. al-Mujadilah (She Who Pleading)

58: 22 You (Muhammad) will not find folk who believe in Allah and the Last Day (Muslims) loving those who oppose Allah and His messenger, even though they be their fathers or their sons or their brethren or their clan. As for such, He has written faith upon their hearts and has strengthened them with a Spirit from Him, and He will bring them into Gardens underneath which rivers flow, wherein they will abide. Allah is well pleased with them, and they are well pleased with Him. They are Allah's party (Hizbulah). Lo! is it not Allah's party who are the successful ?

66. at-Tahrim (The Prohibition)

66:9 O Prophet! Strive against the unbelievers and the hypocrites, and be stern with them. Hell will be their home, a hapless journey's end.

98. al-Bayyinah (The Proof)

98:6 Lo! those who disbelieve, among the People of the Scripture and the idolaters, will abide in fire of hell. They are the worst of creatures.

